

HONORING INTELLIGENT SPATIAL TECHNOLOGIES

• Ms. SNOWE. Madam President, I wish to congratulate Intelligent Spatial Technologies, a company founded by a tremendously innovative young entrepreneur from my home State of Maine. Intelligent Spatial Technologies of Orono is a software and data company that was launched in 2003 by Christopher Frank.

The successful operation of Intelligent Spatial Technologies is a beacon to all young entrepreneurs who dream of starting up their own business. Mr. Frank founded Intelligent Spatial Technologies while a student at my alma mater, the University of Maine at Orono. While there, he worked with an all-University of Maine alumni team to grow and develop an innovative idea he dreamed of to provide location-based information on-the-go. After graduating from the University of Maine, Mr. Frank applied to become a tenant in the Target Technology Incubator. Supported by the University of Maine, the Community College System, and the Maine Small Business Development Centers, the Incubator offers early-stage tech-based companies the training and tools necessary to make their ventures a success.

With the help of Target Technology Incubator and over a million dollars in Federal and State research grants, Mr. Frank was able to realize his idea and transform it into a new, vibrant business in the State of Maine. Today, Intelligent Spatial Technologies is a leading developer in the fast-growing industry of location-based services, which is a particularly remarkable achievement when one considers that the current market value for GPS-related products is an estimated \$12 billion.

Notably, Intelligent Spatial Technologies was able to successfully market its first product, the iPointer, to the University of Maine. The iPointer is an advanced device that empowers users to explore a defined area by pointing at landmarks and receiving feedback in the form of text and audio-visual images over a wireless Internet connection. The University of Maine used the product to provide prospective students with informative, custom tours to familiarize them with the university campus. The iPointer is the cornerstone of Intelligent Spatial Technologies and a unique contribution to location-based services industry. It is terrific to see that Mr. Frank wants to expand the use of his creative technology to more everyday uses, such as use with digital cameras, cellular phones, and hand-held computers.

Before concluding, I would be remiss not to mention that Christopher Frank was named Maine's Young Entrepreneur of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration in 2006. His cutting-edge technology and stellar leadership is highly respected in the Bangor community. Not only does Mr. Frank show leadership as president and

founder of Intelligent Spatial Technologies, but he also is a founder of FUSION Bangor, an organization which aims to engage young people in community leadership through forums, meetings, and similar events. Mr. Frank has shown that no matter what your age, you can have an impact on both the business community and the local community.

The State of Maine is incredibly proud of Intelligent Spatial Technologies. To see a college student realize his business dream—while still a student, no less—is always inspiring. I wish Christopher Frank and everyone at Intelligent Spatial Technologies continued success.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY AND RELATED MEASURES DEALING WITH THE FORMER LIBERIAN REGIME OF CHARLES TAYLOR—PM 22

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States's, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* publication, stating that the national emergency and related measures dealing with the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor are to continue in effect beyond July 22, 2007.

The actions and policies of former Liberian President Charles Taylor and other persons, in particular their unlawful depletion of Liberian resources, their trafficking of illegal arms, and their formation of irregular militia, continue to undermine Liberia's transi-

tion to democracy and the orderly development of its political, administrative, and economic institutions and resources. These actions and policies continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 19, 2007.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 980. An act to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2592. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, the report of draft legislation entitled, "Healthy Forests Partnership Act"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2593. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the authorization of Colonel Stephen R. Lanza to wear the authorized insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2594. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral David C. Nichols, Jr., United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2595. A communication from the Acting Deputy, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Department's decision to convert certain aircraft line maintenance functions to a contractor; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2596. A communication from the Acting Deputy, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's decision to convert certain aviation weather observer services to a contractor; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2597. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2006 Management Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2598. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McCauley Propeller Systems Models 3A32C406/82NDB-X and D3A32A409/82NDB-X Propellers" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2005-NE-10)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.